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Components  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

As a preliminary amendment to the above-identified application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Add the following claims:

24. A modified retroviral envelope polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 wherein SEQ ID NO:3 is inserted between amino acid residues 18 and 19 of SEQ ID NO:1.

25. A retroviral vector particle comprising the modified retroviral envelope polypeptide of Claim 24.

B, 26. A polynucleotide encoding the modified retroviral envelope polypeptide of Claim 24.

27. A retroviral plasmid vector comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 26.

28. A method of generating retroviral vector particles, comprising: